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Area clinics providing senior COVID vaccinations

Members of the Westland Fire Department were "on call" for two days at the Vista Tech Center at Schoolcraft College last week.

City fire personnel worked side by side with soldiers from the Michigan National Guard to administer more than 2,000 doses of the COVID 19 Moderna vaccine to seniors on Monday and Wednesday.

Seniors from both the Plymouth and Canton communities were also scheduled for vaccinations against the pandemic-level virus this week and more than 550 Romulus residents 65 and older were vaccinated at the Romulus Athletic Center last month.

More vaccination clinics are planned in area communities, according to a spokesman from Wayne County, as more vaccine becomes available. Vaccination appointments for this week have been filled, according to the county statement, although residents should continue to access the county website for more information about the availability of area clinics.

The Wayne County Health Department distribution site at Vista Tech last week was staffed with more than 38 volunteers who averaged 250 vaccinations per hour.

Members of the Westland Fire Department helped administer COVID vaccinations last week.

"Over the past few days my office has received numerous calls regarding the dedication, professionalism and compassion of the Westland firefighters who aided in the administration of vaccines this week," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "I appreciate Wayne County Executive Warren Evans for scheduling this event. I am extremely proud of our team and know we will continue to work together until every Westland resident who chooses to be vaccinated has the opportunity."

The City of Westland will continue to build and maintain a registration list in anticipation of future vaccination events, determined by Wayne County, Wild said. Westland residents who are still waiting to receive their vaccinations have four options to register. They can call Wild's office at (734) 467-3200;visit www.cityofwestland.com and complete an online registration form; use the Westland Click and Fix app or register in person at Westland City Hall, located at 36300 Warren Road.

Residents are encouraged to first contact their healthcare provider directly to ask them about getting vaccinated, or sign up to get it through their personal hospital system or through the VA for veterans, if eligible.

"Even if they are not currently giving the vaccinations, residents are encouraged to keep trying, as availability is changing daily," Wild said.

A list of local healthcare providers is available at

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Sumpter study may connect township to state bike path

Sumpter Township officials have agreed to the first step in joining the Michigan state bike path program.

Trustee Don LaPorte suggested the township authorize a preliminary study during the Feb. 23 meeting of the board members.

LaPorte said he had discussed the bike program previously and suggested the trustees approve a study to determine where bike paths in Sumpter might connect with the State of Michigan pedestrian bike trail. He said that on the state website, a map of bike paths did not include any of those in Sumpter Township.

He suggested that a study be done in three phases, the first to locate the connectivity points with neighbors like Van Buren Township and Belleville might be. He said the path in Sumpter might connect to one of the neighboring paths and then on to Huron Metro Park.

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"There is nothing written, it is all conjecture," he said, "until we establish the connecting points."

He said he had spoken to the township planners who suggested finding the connecting points might be a two-day job and asked the board members for approval of the expense.

"I believe we can have this paid for with a state grant and this will provide another service for residents of the community," he said.

Trustee Matt Oddy suggested that the board approve an expense "not to exceed $1,600" for the work to be done by Carlyle Workman, the outside firm that acts as the planners for Sumpter Township.

LaPorte said since the firm is on a paid annual retainer, he thought the work would be included in that fee but discovered that the location of the connectivity points for the bike paths would have to be done by a separate division or department of the firm.

"There is a push by the state to implement the bike paths and the state is being very pro-active about this," LaPorte said, suggesting again that grant funding might be possible.

"If we don't ask, we don't receive," he added.

The board members approved the expense capped at the $1,600 amount by unanimous vote.

Canton clerk's office wins honors for election innovations

Election services in Canton Township were recently honored with a Clearinghouse Award for "Outstanding Innovations in Election Cybersecurity and Technology."

The award was specifically for the development of Four Tools to Enhance Election Services program developed in the office of Township Clerk Michael Siegrist.

The four-pronged program was developed in an effort to enhance election services, Siegrist explained. The program included a restaurant waitlist management software system to reduce voter lines and increase efficiency; an online election inspector training video series featuring knowledge-based forms; a campaign to combat misinformation by partnering with the media to produce educational video interviews on mail voting and election audits and leveraging FEMA resources such as the National Incident Management Systems training to better serve voters.

Siegrist said these new approaches helped reinvent how his office interacts with the public.

"Last year put us all to the test. We had to find a way to safely run numerous elections during a pandemic at a time when voters were agitated by misinformation and disinformation," Siegrist said. "We knew that trying to run the same old plays wouldn't work so we got busy thinking outside the box and embracing technology to make sure we could increase accessibility and relevance for voters."

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The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) announced the recipients of the 2020 Clearinghouse Awards, also known as the "Clearie" Awards, for best practices in election administration. Established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), the EAC is charged with serving as a clearinghouse for election administration information. To further this mission, the EAC launched the Clearies in 2016 to promote best practices in elections and celebrate the accomplishments of election officials.

"This year we were pleased to receive a record-breaking number of 137 Clearie submissions, more than tripling the 2019 submissions," said EAC Chairman Donald Palmer. "The number of Clearie submissions highlights that even though this was a challenging election year, officials continue to modernize and develop programming that will serve as helpful best practices for the coming years. The job of an election official is never done, and we hope to see even more submissions and exceptional examples in 2021. The Clearie winners, those who submitted entries, and all election officials should be incredibly proud of the work they did to ensure a successful 2020 election. These best practices are valuable resources as officials continue to administer elections during the pandemic and for years to come."

Clerk Michael Siegrist

Inkster - Sumpter

Deputy supervisor's pay rate remains board topic

Finance Director Michelle Cole accepted the appointment as deputy supervisor in Sumpter Township last month, following the abrupt resignation of Kenneth Bednark.

Bednark reportedly resigned due to a pay dispute and a public disagreement with Supervisor Tim Bowman during a meeting of the board of trustees. The dispute regarding the hourly wage for the position was the topic of discussion by board members again during the Feb. 26 meeting when Trustee Peggy Morgan continued to advocate for a higher hourly wage for the position.

Bednark was appointed to the deputy position by newly-elected Bowman in November and was to be paid, both acknowledged, at the same rate as the previous deputy, $31.44 per hour, along with medical benefits. The board of trustees disagreed with that wage decision and, following a legal opinion from township attorney Rob Young, explained that the board members, by township charter, not the supervisor, determine the rate of pay for employees. During a meeting Feb. 15, the trustees reduced the full-time position to part-time at an annual salary of $8,406 or $8.08 per hour, and disallowed all benefits. The board subsequently agreed to pay Bednark at the higher rate up until the change, from Nov. 20 until Dec. 15, but ordered him to repay the extra salary that he had received since that date. The amount was being deducted from his paychecks.

Bednark complained and demanded the full payment including benefits and other compensation. The board members, through Young, offered him a $5,500 settlement which he refused and he is currently pursuing the issue through the Michigan Department of Labor while the township has hired a labor attorney to handle his claim.

During the meeting of the board last month, trustees were asked to approve the same part-time rate of $8,406 for Cole, prompting Morgan, who had been the most supportive of the higher wage for Bednark, to strongly disagree with the proposed motion setting the wage for the position.

Morgan said she had no objection to Cole, but disagreed with the pay rate.

Trustee Don LaPorte asked Morgan if she felt the rate was too low and wanted to pay Cole more. He suggested that the rate could be increased if brought to the board members at a later date.

"I think the pay is appropriate," explained Trustee Matt Oddy. "She (Cole) is already getting paid as the finance director, this is additional pay to perform the statutory duties of the supervisor, such as the budget. She is performing those duties already," he said.

Treasurer Jim Clark agreed noting that Cole had already accepted the part-time pay rate with no benefits for the duties involved as deputy supervisor.

The pay rate as presented in the motion was approved by a vote of the board members.

Food bank may soon open at Sumpter Township site

Sumpter Township Trustee Peggy Morgan asked her fellow board members to approve a request from Habitat for Humanity during the Feb. 23 meeting.

Morgan said she had been contacted by representatives of the non-profit organization about operating a Forgotten Harvest food distribution center in the township.

"This is all done and managed though the county," she said, "The township needs only to provide a location." Morgan said the township Community Center or the Parks and Recreation building would be possible locations for such a food distribution effort. She said that both the buildings have double driveways which would allow cars to pull up and pull out smoothly.

Township Clerk Esther Hurst said she agreed that this would be "a wonderful project for the township. Do we need to vote or can we just approve it?" she asked.

Trustee Matt Oddy also agreed that this was a benefit to the community and suggested that the Community Center would be the best location. He noted that the township would have to have someone to let the people using the center into the building and to coordinate the distribution.

Morgan said that her information was that there was no cost to the township, the municipality was being asked only to provide space and that the operation would be managed through Wayne County.

With the agreement of the entire board, she said that she would pursue the matter.

"It sounds like we are giving the go ahead, so I will follow through with these people," she said.

Inkster church offering online cancer program

Surviving Cancer is the topic of a YouTube program presented by Adventist Community Service of the Sharon SDA Church in Inkster.

The program became available for viewing this week on the Sharon Church website; https://InksterSharonmi.adventistchurch.org.

Presenters include Dr. Poala Hall, M.D. of the Henry Ford Health Systems and Elder Rita Parrish of the church. The program will explore cancer prevention, common forms of cancer and what to do if diagnosed with cancer.

The church website will also include the Karmanos Cancer Institute flyer regarding free cervical and breast cancer testing for women ages 21-39 available to women in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

For more information, contact Lucy Byrd, Adventist Community Services director for the church at (313) 293-9753. Sharon SDA Church is located at 28537 Cherry St. in Inkster and is under the direction of Pastor Keynel Cadet.

Money man

Vijay Virupannavar has been named as treasurer for the City of Inkster. A 2018 Crain's 40 Under 40 selection, Virupannavar holds Certified Public Accountant and Chartered Global Management Accountant designations. Virupannavar earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 2005 and completed a masters of accountancy from Western Michigan University in 2008. Virupannavar has performed public accounting services, S-1 consulting services, technical accounting consulting services, and just prior to his current role worked with Olympia Entertainment Inc. and 313 Presents LLC. Virupannavar is a co-founder and president of Let's Go Detroit (a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization, serves as the treasurer of the board of directors for One Detroit Credit Union, is an officer on the executive board of the Michigan Democratic Party where he is also a state central delegate alternate. He is vice chair of the 13th Congressional District Democratic Party Organization, vice chair of the Western Michigan University Haworth College of the Business Young Alumni Advisory Board, and owns a passive real estate investing business.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCE
ARTICLE II, Sec. 18, No. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, RESTATE AND CONFIRM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER THE MICHIGAN PLANNING ENABLING ACT, PUBLIC ACT 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq.; PROVIDE FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION; PROVIDE FOR POWERS, DUTIES, AND LIMITATIONS OF THE COMMISSION; AND REPEAL ANY ORDINANCE, RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE

THE TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1: Scope, Purpose and Intent
This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted the Township Board under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq., and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101, et seq., to establish a planning commission with the power, duties and limitations provided by those Acts and subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance and any future amendments to this ordinance.

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide and restated that the Sumpter Township Board hereby confirms the prior establishment of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq., formerly established under the Township Planning Act, Public Act 168 of 1959, MCL 125.321, et seq.; to establish the appointments, terms and membership of the Planning Commission; to identify the officers and the minimum number of meetings per year of the Planning Commission; and to prescribe the authority, powers and duties of the Planning Commission.

Section 2: Establishment
The Sumpter Township Board hereby confirms the establishment of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 25.3801, et seq., formerly established under the Township Planning Act, Public Act 168 of 1959, MCL 125.321 et seq. The Sumpter Township Planning Commission shall consist of nine (9) members. Members of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission as of the effective date of this Ordinance Amendment and Restatement shall, except for an ex officio member whose remaining term of the Planning Commission shall be limited to his or her term on the Township Board, continue to serve for the remainder of their existing terms so long as they continue to meet all membership eligibility requirements as set forth within the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq.

Section 3: Appointments and Terms
The Township Supervisor, with the approval of the Township Board by a majority vote of the members elected and serving, shall appoint all Planning Commission members, including the ex officio members. The Planning Commission members, other than an ex officio member, shall serve for terms of three (3) years each and the terms shall be staggered as currently exists. A Planning Commission member shall hold office until his or her successor is appointed. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. Planning Commission members shall be qualified electors of the Township (i.e. U.S. citizen, 18-years old, who have been a resident of the state for six months and a resident of the Township for at least thirty days), except that one Planning Commission member may be an individual who is not a qualified elector of the Township. The membership of the Planning Commission shall be representative of important segments of the community, such as the economic, governmental, educational, and social development of the Township, in accordance with the major interests as they exist in the Township, such as agriculture, natural resources, recreation, education, public health, government, transportation, industry, and commerce. The membership shall also be representative of the entire geography of the Township to the extent practicable.

One member of the Township Board shall be appointed to the Planning Commission as an ex officio member. An ex officio member has full voting rights. An ex officio member's term on the Planning Commission shall expire with his or her term of the Township Board. No other elected officer or employee of the Township is eligible to be a member of the Planning Commission.

Section 4: Removal
The Township Board may remove a member of the Planning Commission for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office upon written charges and after a public hearing.

Section 5: Conflict of Interest
Before casting a vote on a matter on which a Planning Commission member may reasonably be considered to have a conflict of interest, the member shall disclose the potential conflict of interest to the Planning Commission. Failure of a member to disclose a potential conflict of interest as required by this Ordinance constitutes malfeasance in office.

For the purposes of this section, "conflict of interest" is defined as, and a Planning Commission member shall declare a conflict of interest and abstain from participating in Planning Commission deliberations and voting on a request when:

a. An immediate family member is involved in a request which the Planning Commission is asked to decide. "Immediate family member" is defined as an individual's father, mother, son, daughter, including an adopted child, brother, sister, and spouse and a relative of any degree residing in the same household as that individual.

b. The Planning Commission member has a business or financial interest in the property involved in the request or has a business or financial interest in the applicant's company, agency, or association.

c. The Planning Commission member owns or has a financial interest in neighboring property. For purposes of this section, a "neighboring property" shall include any property falling within the notification radius for the application or proposed development, as required by the zoning ordinance or other applicable ordinance.

d. There is a reasonable appearance of a conflict of interest, as determined by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Planning Commission.

Section 6: Compensation
The Planning Commission members may be compensated for their services as provided by Township Board resolution or be township approval reflected in the approved Township Board meeting minutes. The Planning Commission may adopt bylaws relative to the compensation and expenses of its members for travel when engaged in the performance of activities authorized by the Township Board, including but not limited to, attendance at conferences, workshops, educational and training programs, and meetings.

Section 7: Officers and Committees
The Planning Commission shall elect a chairperson and a secretary from its members and may create and fill other offices as it considers advisable. An ex officio member of the Planning Commission is not eligible to serve as chairperson. The term of each office shall be one (1) year, with opportunity for re-election as specified in the Planning Commission bylaws. The Planning Commission may also appoint advisory committees whose members are not members of the Planning Commission.

Section 8: Bylaws, Meetings and Records
The Planning Commission shall hold a least four (4) regular meetings each year and shall by resolution determine the time and place of the meetings.

Unless otherwise provided in the Planning Commission's bylaws, a special meeting of the Planning Commission may be called by the chairperson or by two other members, upon written request to the secretary. Unless the bylaws otherwise provide, the secretary shall send written notice of a special meeting to Planning Commission members at least 48 hours before the meeting.

The business that the Planning Commission may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, MCL 15.261, et seq., except that the notice of a special meeting to Planning Commission members shall be at least 48 hours before the meeting. The Planning Commission shall keep a public record of its resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations. A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of or retained by a Planning Commission in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, et seq.

Section 9: Annual Report
The Planning Commission shall make an annual written report to the Township Board concerning its operations and the status of the planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions by the Township Board related to planning and development.

Section 10: Authority to Make A Master Plan
Under the authority of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq., and other applicable planning statutes, the Planning Commission shall consider and adopt a master plan as a guide for development within the Township's planning jurisdiction. Final authority to approve a master plan or any amendments thereto shall rest with the Planning Commission unless the Township Board passes a resolution asserting the right to approve or reject the master plan.

Unless rescinded by the Township, any plan adopted or amended under the Township Planning Act, Public Act 168 of 1959, MCL 125.321, et seq., need not be re-adopted under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq.

Section 11: Zoning Powers
The Township Board hereby confirms the transfer of all power, duties, and responsibilities provided for zoning boards or zoning commissions by the former Township Zoning Act., Public Act 184 of 1943, MCL 125.2761, et seq.; the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101, et seq.; or other applicable zoning statutes to the Sumpter Township Planning Commission formerly established under the Township Planning Act, Public Act 168 of 1959, MCL 125,321, et seq. Any existing zoning ordinance shall remain in full force and effect except as otherwise amended or repealed by the Township Board.

Section 12: Capital Improvements Program
To further the desirable future development under the master plan, the Township Board, after the master plan is adopted, may prepare, or cause to be prepared a capital improvement program of public structures and improvements, showing those structures and improvements in general order of their priority, for the following 6-year period. The prepared capital improvements program, if prepared by someone other than the Township Board, shall be subject to final approval by the Township Board. The Planning Commission is hereby exempted from preparing a capital improvements plan.

Section 13: Subdivision and Land Division Recommendations
The Planning Commission may recommend to the Township Board provisions of an ordinance or rules governing the subdivision of land. Before recommending such an ordinance or rule, the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance or rule. The Planning Commission shall give notice of the time and place of the public hearing not less than 15 days before the hearing by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

The Planning Commission shall review and make recommendation on a proposed plat before action thereon by the Township Board under the Land Division Act, Public Act 288 of 1967, MCL
560.101 et seq. Before making its recommendation, the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed plat. A plat submitted to the Planning Commission shall contain the name and address of the proprietor or other person to whom notice of a hearing shall be sent. Not less than 15 days before the date of the hearing, notice of the date, time and place of the hearing shall be sent to that person at that address by mail and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township. Similar notice shall be mailed to the owners of land immediately adjoining the proposed platted land.

Section 14: Severability
Should any word, sentence, or any portion of this Ordinance be held in a manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holding shall be construed and limited to such word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this Ordinance.

Section 15: Conflicting Ordinances
All prior existing ordinances adopted by the Township of Sumpter inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed. All prior ordinances adopted by the Township of Sumpter that are not inconsistent or do not conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect and without modification thereto.

Section 16: Effective Date
This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days immediately after publication.

Section 17. Publication

This Ordinance shall be recorded by the Clerk in the Township Code of Ordinances upon adoption. This Ordinance shall be signed by the Supervisor and Clerk. A true copy of the Ordinance can be inspected at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

This Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Township of Sumpter, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular Board meeting held on February 23, 2021.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance exactly as passed and adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Sumpter at a regular Township Board Meeting held in the Township of Sumpter on February 23, 2021.

_____
Esther Hurst, Township Clerk

I further certify that the foregoing was published in Associated Papers/The Eagle, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Sumpter, on the 11th day of March, 2021.

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Esther Hurst, Township Clerk

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CANTON

Michigan Avenue building may be Amazon facility

The worst kept secret in Canton Township may be the planned Amazon warehouse facility on Michigan Avenue.

The site of the proposed building, described only as a warehouse and delivery station, is between Beck and Denton roads and will be 183,000 square feet in size. Plans for the structure were considered by the township planning commission during a recent meeting and recommended for approval. Members of the Canton Board of Trustees were expected to approve the plans during their meeting Tuesday.

In discussing the proposed site plan at the commission meeting, a development company representative refused to identify Amazon as the potential user at the site.

The Amazon logo, however, was on plan renderings included in the commissioners information packet on the township website. While the logo was partially covered with the words "tenant logo," the Amazon name was clearly visible.

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The site of the proposed building has been rezoned and the developer was granted a special land use request by members of the planning commission. While the proposed building is smaller than the massive warehouse and distribution center in Romulus and the "fulfillment center" in Livonia, the building is similar in architecture and style. Amazon is also converting the former Spartan warehouse on Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township into a "sorting center."

Pure Development, the developer of the Canton building, has also constructed other Amazon facilities throughout the U.S.

Township Leisure Services deputy earns state honors

Canton Leisure Services Deputy Director Jon LaFever was recently honored with the mParks 2021 Recreation Leadership Award that recognizes outstanding contributions in the area of leadership and recreation programming and seeks to inspire other parks and recreation professionals to achieve excellence throughout Michigan.

This prestigious award was presented to LaFever during the 2021 Virtual mParks Conference and Trade Show, which took place online last month. mParks, formerly known as the Michigan Recreation and Park Association, honors exemplary park and recreation professionals and citizen advocates across the state during the annual awards ceremony. Recipients of the Recreation Leadership Award embody the core values of their profession, demonstrate the highest level of performance in their job duties, and maintain a tremendous commitment to mParks and its membership, according to a spokesperson. In addition, this award is the result of peer nomination from within the state community of parks and recreation agencies.

"Jon represents the very best in a parks and recreation professional," said Greg Hohenberger, Canton Leisure Services director. "His humble approach and great leadership have earned him the respect and admiration of his peers and all of those he has served. Jon is quick to show initiative and is passionate about helping others. His numerous abilities, dedication, and giving nature, as well as his many contributions to statewide parks and recreation initiatives, significantly contribute to the ongoing success of our department. He truly epitomizes what the mParks Recreation Leadership Award is all about."

Jon LaFever, Canton Leisure Services Deputy Director

Since 2001, LaFever has worked in a variety of parks and recreation capacities with Canton Leisure Services. As deputy director, he coordinates operations at several Canton Leisure Services facilities. LaFever also assists in recreation project administration, budget oversight, and helping to manage department personnel. Canton Leisure Services staff includes approximately 55 full-time employees, as well as more than 300 part-time and seasonal employees. In addition, LaFever and his staff are responsible for the planning and execution of Leisure Services large-scale special events. A member of mParks since 2001, LaFever has most recently served as president of this state-wide advocacy organization and has been a frequent presenter at annual mParks conference and trade shows. In addition, LaFever has served on numerous mParks committees and was recognized as the New Professional of the Year in 2006. LaFever is also a Certified Park and Recreation Professional, overseen by the National Certification Board and the National Recreation and Park Association.

LaFever, his wife Heidi, son Gavin, and daughter, Lexi, reside in Canton.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN
2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (AMENDMENT)

On Tuesday, March 23, at 5:00 p.m. in a virtual public hearing on the township website (www.canton-mi.org), the Canton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) department will hold a public hearing on the Five-Year Consolidated Plan PY 2021-2025, The 2021 Annual Action Plan ($370,973) and amending its 2019 Annual Action Plan due to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES ACT) funding increase from $551,572 to $899,662. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Mike Sheppard, Financial Analyst, Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5225.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 2021 for the following:

SIGNAGE REPLACEMENT - PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

Bids may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Request for Applications and Public Notice of Availability of Funds

The Charter Township of Canton announces the availability of approximately $370,973 in CDBG funds for housing and community development activities beginning July 1, 2021. CDBG program income or reprogrammed CDBG funds may also be available under this announcement. Canton will accept sealed applications at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 2021 for the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Applications may be picked up at the Finance & Budget Department or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All applications must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the application name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. March 25, 2021 for the following:

DDA Street Improvements

Digital bid documents may be obtained on or after 3:00 pm, local time, Thursday, March 11, 2021 from the online plan room section of the website of the ENGINEER, www.ohmadvisors.com. A digital download fee may apply.

Hard copies thereof may be obtained on or after 3:00 pm, local time, Thursday, March 11, 2021, at the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. (d/b/a OHM Advisors), 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150. A fee of fifty-five dollars ($55.00) non-refundable will be charged for each set of bid documents. An additional fee of fifteen dollars ($15.00) nonrefundable will be charged for each set of bid documents which are mailed. Document request shall indicate whether the request is by: prospective bidder, prospective subcontractor, prospective supplier, or other.

Any questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of Mr. John Tanner in writing by email at john.tanner@ohmadvisors.com or by phone at (734) 466-4564.

All bids must be submitted with an original and a copy in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Northville Township Department of Public Services within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to:

Northville Township
Department of Public Services
44405 Six Mile Road
Northville, Michigan 48168- 9670

Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Services at (248) 348-5820 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

Roger Lundberg, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the Township of Canton:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, must be cut and destroyed on or before the 1st day of May, June, July, August, September, and October 2021 and/or as needed. And every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the Township that such weeds have been destroyed within three days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the date mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of the penalties set forth in Ordinance Number 64, of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner or to the occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School Tax Roll or the next General Township Tax Roll and/or the Township may place a lien upon the property to secure the collection of such expense.

The township may notify by certified mail, with return receipt requested, the owner, agent, or occupant, as shown on the current county and school tax roll, of any lands on which such noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain methods of treating and eradicating such noxious weeds and a summary of the provisions of this section. Failure of the township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided in this article or any debt created under this article.

NOTICE TO CUT LAWN GRASS IN EXCESS OF FIVE INCHES

The township shall notify the violator of excessive lawn grass in the same manner as provided for in Ord. No. 78-2(c).

(Ord. No. 64, as amended, § 6, 6-24-1997; Ord. of 8-9-2016(1), § 1) CN2192 - 030421 2.5 x 2.826

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Romulus - Wayne

Police chief hosts first virtual community meeting

Wayne Police Chief Ryan Strong hosted the first of what he said he hoped were quarterly community meetings with residents last week.

Strong said he wanted to take the opportunity to communicate with the public and let them know what was happening in the Wayne department and answer any questions that residents might have. He began the Zoom meeting by noting that more than 400 Wayne seniors received a COVID vaccination during an event earlier in the month at the HYPE recreation center.

He urged those who were unable to register for the inoculations to do so at COVID@cityofwayne.com or by calling (313)923-7531.

Strong said there was now some light at the end of the tunnel during the pandemic but that it was still important to exercise precautions and wear masks and practice social distancing.

"We need to continue to take care of ourselves, our neighbors and our families," he said.

Strong explained that while the city was still understaffed by FBI standards which require two officers for every thousand residents, Wayne now has 26 police officers on the force.

We should have 36 for our 17,000 population, he said.

"We had 48 when I first joined the force in '89," he said, but I'll take 26. At one point, we were down to only 19."

Strong said there were now four officers in training which, due to COVID was taking a little longer than usual.

He explained that the department was actively recruiting from the police academies, searching for one more officer who would be a community liaison, interacting with the public.

Last year, he said, the department responded to 16,000 calls for service which was a decrease he attributed to COVID.

"People are staying home and minding their own business," he said, although he admitted he had a concern that the impact on mental health due to the isolation could be a factor in the future.

Strong explained that all Wayne officers are experiencing training related to racial sensitivity and situations and that officers in Wayne are always undergoing training much of which is funded by training.

In response to a question from a resident, Strong said that Wayne officers are always very receptive to training.

"If you don't accept training, law enforcement is probably not the profession for you," he commented.

When the four officers complete their training, he said, it would allow for a fully staffed road patrol which would put more officers on the neighborhood streets and performing traffic enforcement.

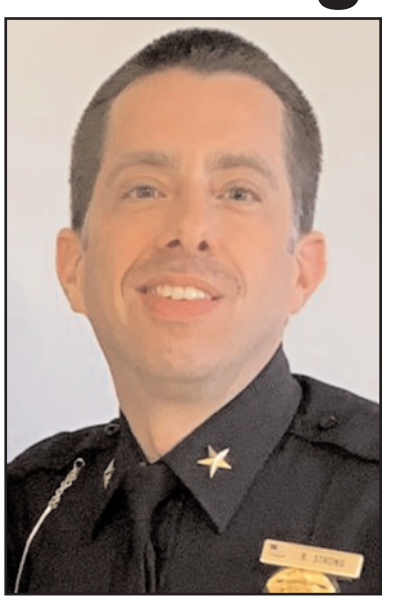
"My number one priority is neighborhood patrols," he said. "I am excited about getting back up to staffing levels."

Strong urged residents to call the department for help.

"If you think something is wrong, do not hesitate to reach out to us. If you think there's a problem, there probably is."

Strong said he hoped to have three more of the community meetings during the year to update residents about the department and address any concerns they might have.

The entire meeting is available on the Wayne Police Facebook page.



Chief Ryan Strong

Pet project

Dr. John Herman, DVM, left, and Romulus City Councilman William Wadsworth were on hand at the recent animal vaccination clinic and city licensing event which took place at the Romulus DPW building. More than 125 pets were inoculated at the Feb. 27 event and a portion of the vaccination and testing fees were donated by Herman to help fund the city shelter. This was the 10th year for the event, which Wadsworth said was a great success. "People really appreciate it," he noted. The Romulus Animal Shelter is located at 12300 Wayne Road. For information about adopting a pet, call (734) 942-7591. Photos by Roger Kadau

Letters to veterans being sought

The City of Romulus Community Development Department is collecting letters for veterans during the month of March in celebration of Hug a G.I. Day. Letters will be sent to veterans, both active and non-active.

Letters will be collected through the entire month of March and there is no age limit for writers.

Letters to be sent on to servicemen and women can be dropped off or mailed to the Community Development Office at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174. For more information, call (734) 955-4535.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 8, 2021
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Councilman Wadsworth.

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Kevin Krause - Director of Emergency & Fire Services; Robert McCraight - Director of Public Services & Economic Development;
Tanya Cofield - Recreation Coordinator; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communication & Community Services;
Stephen Dudek - Director of Technology Services; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney

1. **Agenda**
   A. Moved by **Tina Talley,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to accept the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously

2. **Minutes**
   A. **Res. #21-036** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 1, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   B. **Res. #21-037** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the special meeting - study session held on February 1, 2021 at 6:00p.m. to discuss Truck Route Maps. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

3. **Petitioner** - none

4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

5. **Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor**
   A. **Res. #21-038** Moved by **Eva Webb,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Romulus and the Western Wayne County Mobile Field Force Team. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   A. **Res. #21-039** Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the recommendation of the Executive Advisory Committee and approve the reappointments of Sheldon Chandler, Frederick Hay, Phillip Franklin, Rick Perry, and Richard Rutherford to the Romulus Construction Board of Appeals with terms expiring on February 1, 2025. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

   B. **Res. #21-040** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the 2021 Fall Citywide Yard Sale dates for September 23rd, September 24th, September 25th, and September 26th, with rain dates of September 30th, October 1st, October 2nd, and October 3rd. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

   C. **Res. #21-041** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the demolition of structures & removal of all debris on Demolition List 20-01 and to let for bids for a demolition contractor for the following properties: for 6980/6984 Birchdale, 35053 Park Place, 5873 Wayne, 6031 Wayne, 37147 Wick, and 32185 Ecorse. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

   Res. #21-042 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe,** seconded by **William Wadsworth** to table the demolition of structures and removal of all debris for properties at of 11398 Harrison, 16447 Middlebelt, and 11528 Whitehorn for 60 days. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - Williams **Motion Carried**

   D. **Res. #21-043** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Study Session Request from Treasurer Stacy Paige for 3/1/2021 @ 6:30 pm to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer -** Treasurer Paige reminded residents that winter taxes are due on 2/16/2021.

8. **Public Comment** - See Clerk's Office for full copy of the minutes.

9. **Unfinished Business** - No unfinished business.

10. **New Business** - No new business.

11. **Warrant**
   A. **Res. #21-044** Moved by **Kathy Abdo,** seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 21-3 Checks presented in the amount of $1,153,656.44. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Abstain - Williams **Motion Carried**

12. **Communication** - See Clerk's Office for full copy of minutes.

13. Moved by **William Wadsworth,** seconded by **Eva Webb** to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:22 pm. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 8, 2021.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 20/21-12 Two (2) Year Contractual Services Agreement Grass & Weed Cutting
The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above item/items and/or services.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.

(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.

(3) A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., **Thursday, 3/25/2021**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.

(4) The public opening of all timely received bids will be provided virtually via "Zoom" at approximately 3:00 p.m., local time **3/25/2021**. Log in information for the "Zoom" meeting can be obtained by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com or utilizing the information provided in the bid documents.

(5) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.

(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

(7) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.

(8) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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NORTHVILLE

Second downtown survey of residents is completed

A second survey conducted by members of the Northville Planning Commission received 515 responses regarding three areas in the downtown area of the community.

The second survey sought public opinion and insight into the look and feel of new development, green space and physical attributes in the community. City Planner Sally Elmiger presented the survey report to members of the planning commission during their March 2 meeting. Elmiger described overall findings, areas of consensus and data on priorities for new development, traffic, walkability, parking, along with other factors. She said she had discussed the survey results with City Manager Pat Sullivan and members of the Master Plan Public Input Process Subcommittee, and their analysis was the basis of the report.

Of the survey participants, 61 percent were city residents, 98 percent of whom own their homes, and 34 percent were township residents, business owners or individuals who work in the township. City business owners comprised 6 percent and 7 percent of respondents work in the city. Elmiger explained that respondents could belong to more than one category, making the sum more than 100 percent.

Key findings include the desire to create connections from new development to the downtown/historic district and to Seven Mile/Hines Park. Most of those responding said they want to see mixed use in the Cady Street subarea, Elmiger reported. Respondents want traffic to move efficiently by using traffic-calming devices to allow pedestrians and bicyclists to cross streets safely. Daylighting the river was favored, with people envisioning a park that incorporates both the river and Johnson Creek, and features paved paths, bridges, and other elements that bring people together and add points of interest. Retaining the Farmer's Market was a high priority with many favoring an indoor/outdoor, multi-use facility to house the market. Many respondents said they wanted an iconic landmark to mark the southern entrance into Northville at Seven Mile and South Center, she said.

> *The preference is for traditional/historic architectural design, even if modern materials/methods are used.*

The majority of respondents preferred single-family residential in the racetrack subarea, with some townhomes and senior independent living options - all appealing to a diversity of residents. Many agreed that corner stores, small shops, and/or neighborhood cafes should be part of the residential setting, according to the results Elmiger presented. The preference is for traditional/historic architectural design, even if modern materials/methods are used, she said.

At the planning commission meeting Feb. 16, Chair Donna Tinberg, also a member of the subcommittee that oversaw the survey, also presented preliminary survey results. At that time, Commissioner Steve Kirk expressed appreciation for all survey participants and said he was pleased to see so many detailed and thoughtful comments.

The results of both the first and second survey appear on the city website.

Seniors may soon have teen pen pals

During the pandemic required time of social distancing and isolation, senior citizens are especially affected by the separation from their friends and families.

North Youth Network (NYN) Youth Action Board members are developing a Pen Pal program between Northville youth and area senior citizens to help alleviate the feelings of isolation that many are experiencing due to the pandemic. Pen Pals will exchange cards, letters or emails with each other to foster connections and brighten each other's days.

Currently, the program is reaching out to area seniors to encourage registration for this free service. Any area senior in the Northville and surrounding communities who would be interested can now register for the program. About 90 students from Northville middle schools and Northville High School are participating in the Pen Pals program.

Northville youth and senior citizens who would like to participate in the Pen Pal program can sign up at (248) 344-1618 or email northvilleyab@gmail.com.

City to sell land to Poole's tavern

Members of the Northville City Council approved the preparation of a purchase agreement for the sale of some city property at the corner of Main and Hutton to facilitate the renovation and expansion of Poole's Tavern.

Current plans include adding a second floor and rooftop dining at the corner restaurant. Poole's owners will pay $45 per square foot of the 218 square foot of land being purchased. Referred to in proposals and option C, this was the smallest amount of land necessary to accommodate the expansion of the building and the construction of a staircase to the second floor.

The owners, as part of the purchase agreement, must build an ADA-compliant passageway, begin work within six months of the sale and commit to a timeline for the development. Officials said the conditions allow the city more time to consider the possibility of selling more land to Poole's in the future or retain the property as city-owned.

Vaccine

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www.cityofwestland.com. Other communities are also taking names for a wait list for the vaccine. When appointments become available, they will be notified by either the community or by Wayne County personnel.

Testing for coronavirus is also currently available in Canton, Plymouth, Wayne and Westland.

Canton Township, in cooperation with the Wayne County Health Department and Memorial Healthcare, is offering COVID-19 Testing at Heritage Park, 46202 Heritage Park Road, Canton. At this time, this is site is conducting testing only. Testing will be available from, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturdays. To pre-register go to www.MemorialClarity.com.

Rapid drive-through COVID-19 testing is also available at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. RapidBio, a molecular diagnostics laboratory, is partnering with the arena and Wayne Health to provide drive-through collection and rapid test results for COVID-19. The company said it is using the sensitive qPCR assay combined with "highly automated equipment" to provide the potential to process 5,000 COVID-19 tests per day and the ability to expand further, with results delivered in 24 hours or less. "This new partnership allows us to provide results to our patients faster than ever before," explained Phillip Levy, M.D., M.P.H., who leads the Mobile COVID Testing Program for Wayne Health. "The sooner people know their COVID status, the quicker they can take the necessary steps to keep themselves safe and stop the spread."

USA Hockey Arena is located at 14900 Beck Road in Plymouth Township.

Testing for COVID-19 is also available to the public in both Wayne and Westland. The cities have cooperated with Wayne County to provide the testing sites in an effort to reach the goal of 8,000 tests each day.In Wayne, the cost-free testing with reportedly shorter waiting times is open at the HYPE Recreation Center from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturdays. The athletic center is located at 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.In Westland, testing will take place in the parking lot at the Westland Friendship Center, located at 1119 Newburgh Road. Residents will have no out of pocket expenses for testing. However, if insurance information is available, it will be collected for the laboratory testing fees. There is no pre-registration or appointment needed, officials said. Minors must be accompanied by a parents or guardian and patients can expect to receive their results within 2-3 days, which will be shared via email, phone call or text message. The Westland COVID-19 testing is open from 9 a.m.until 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Health professionals advised individuals not to take any fever reducing medications prior to testing. When arriving at the drive-through clinic, individuals should have a form of identification ready. Visitors are asked that they leave their car windows up until asked to lower them. In Wayne, both drive-through and inside testing is available. Individuals older than 5 are eligible to be tested, but must be accompanied by an adult. There is no doctor's order or pre-registration necessary. As in Westland, there is no cost but if insurance information is available, it will be collected. Individuals who may be experiencing COVID-19 symptoms are encouraged to get tested and quarantine until test results are received. Symptoms can develop up to 14 days after exposure to the virus, health professionals said.

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City may convert school into community center

Members of the Westland City Council have approved a conditional purchase of Marshall Upper Elementary School from the Wayne Westland school district.

The approval for the purchase of the 120,000 square foot building is dependent on a 120-day due diligence period during which city professionals will evaluate the Bayview Street building closed by the school district last year.

The building is being considered as a potential recreation, senior and community center.

If the purchase meets the needs of the city, and a sale of the building is approved by the members of the Wayne Westland Board of Education, a purchase price will be negotiated, officials said. The abandoned school already has a gymnasium and track along with baseball, football and tennis facilities. The building also has an auditorium and music rooms in addition to the classrooms. Mayor William Wild said that many community centers and senior centers are now offering many classes, making the classrooms ideal for city use. Wild also said the building is centrally located in the city and would be an addition to the assets of the community. Currently, Westland does not have a dedicated recreation center.

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Wild noted that the current senior center in the city is very busy and out of room for the services and activities utilized by Westland seniors. He said the addition of the space at Marshall could ease that situation and allow the city to offer more activities and senior services.

"Westland has had great success repurposing vacant buildings. Circuit City (city hall), Jefferson-Barns Elementary (community center), WLND Cable Building (community theater). Marshall School is 120,000 square foot of pure potential," Wild posted on social media.

While the school building and property are not listed for sale, should the city purchase or even lease the site from the schools, the district could potentially save up to $1 million in demolition costs at the site, officials said.

Officials said that before taking on the renovation at the Marshall building, should a sale or lease be negotiated with the school district, there would be an outreach survey to determine the needs of the community.

Westland man sentenced to prison in woman's death

Third Circuit Judge Donald Knapp sentenced Anthony Kesteloot, 27, of West-land to 5-15 years in prison in connection to the death of Westland resident Olivia Rossi.

Kesteloot had entered a plea of no contest to a charge of manslaughter, reduced from a charge of open murder. He had previously been charged with disinterment of a dead body, obstruction of justice, removing a dead body without proper permission, failure to report a dead body and tampering with evidence in a criminal case.

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No contest is usually treated as a guilty plea by the court.

Rossi, 23, last communicated with her family on Sunday, Aug. 18, 2019 when she sent a text message to her twin sister, Raquel Rossi. In the text she said she was with Kesteloot, whom the pair knew from school, and he was acting strangely.

About a week later, after multiple police interviews during which he denied knowing anything about her death, Kesteloot finally directed Westland police investigators to Rossi's body partially lying in the Rouge River in Hines Park. He originally told police investigators that she had walked home from his apartment that same night and that he did not know he whereabouts.

The judge expressed his sympathy to Rossi's family during the Zoom sentencing but said that he believed there was a strong chance that, if the case had gone to a jury trial, Kesteloot would not have been found guilty of murder. In a not guilty verdict by a jury, the judge said, no jail sentence at all would have been imposed.

Anthony Kesteloot

He noted that the medical examiner's report did not conclusively say that Rossi died of strangulation nor had the prosecutor proved that Kestleloot strangled her.

Kesteloot was given credit for 560 days of jail time already served against his sentence.

Greek Islands license suspended for COVID violations

The owners of Greek Islands Eatery on Main Street in downtown Plymouth were scheduled to appear at a hearing yesterday before an Administrative Law Judge to determine if the suspension of the liquor license should continue.

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) issued an emergency suspension of the liquor licenses and permits for G.I. Poros, Inc., d/b/a Greek Islands Eatery in Plymouth on March 2. Investigators said that the restaurant violated the gatherings and face mask order that was in effect, including allowing non-residential, indoor gatherings without requiring patrons to be seated; exceeding 25 percent of normal seating capacity; allowing prohibited intermingling; failing to require face coverings for staff and patrons and a lack of social distancing.

The hearing yesterday was set by Zoom to determine if the suspension should continue or if other fines and penalties should be imposed. The results of the hearing were not available at press time.

Officials said that any licensed establishment that is in violation of the MDHHS emergency order risks suspension or revocation of its license. All licensees must comply not only with the MDHHS orders, but also with local health department orders and local ordinances regarding reduced occupancy rates and social distancing protocols related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The public can report any suspected non-compliance issue at an establishment directly to the MLCC by filing a complaint with the MLCC Enforcement Division online or by calling the division hotline, toll-free, at 866-893-2121.

The MLCC website (www.michigan.gov/lcc) provides information on the MDHHS Emergency Orders, indoor service restrictions, face mask requirements, and Frequently Asked Questions for restaurants and bars.

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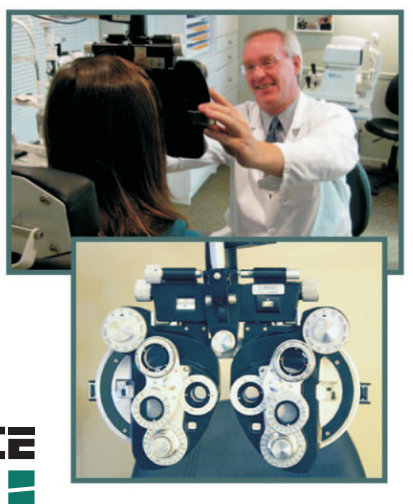

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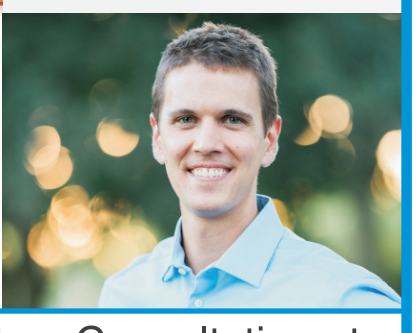

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